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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Roland EINHAUS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1792

Application No.: 10/550,456

Examiner: Felisa Carla Hiteshew

Filed: September 26, 2005

Docket No.: 125428

For: CRUCIBLE FOR A DEVICE FOR PRODUCING A BLOCK OF CRYSTALLINE  
MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 7, 2008 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally  
elect Group I, claims 1-9, with traverse.

This election confirms Applicants' previous election in a December 20, 2007  
telephone conference with the Examiner, in response to the Examiner's December 18, 2007  
telephone Restriction Requirement.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-10 is sufficiently  
related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would  
encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully  
submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without  
serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an  
entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the  
merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis